

### Multifamily Housing eNews

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#### **COVID-19: Multifamily Updates**

Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding as we navigate working in this new environment.

We want to remind you that most Minnesota Housing staff are teleworking and have staggered work schedules so email is the quickest way to reach us. If you are not able to reach the normally assigned staff, please check the outgoing voicemail message or email auto-reply for back-up instructions. Communication is key, especially as it relates to preparing closings, draws, and any transfers of funds so that we can prepare accordingly and keep business moving forward.

Please see below for the latest updates and reminders from Minnesota Housing's Multifamily Division. Thank you to everyone for reaching out to us with questions and working diligently to serve the people of Minnesota. We will continue sharing informational resources as quickly and as widely as we can and all updates will be posted to our COVID-19 webpage.

### In this eNews, you will find information about the following:

Executive Order 20-20 Stay At Home, Updated as 20-33 Executive Order 20-14 Suspending Evictions and Writs of Recovery FAQs Available in Spanish, Hmong, and Somali | Consolidated Request for Proposals Reminders | Additional Guidance from Asset Management for Property Owners and Property Management Staff |

<u>Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19</u>

## Executive Order 20-20 Stay At Home, Updated as 20-33

Governor Walz announced Executive Order 20-20 Directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home During the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency on March 25, 2020 and extended the order on April 8, 2020 as Executive Order 20-33. The Orders have numerous sections that relate to housing, as described in the <u>Summary and Frequently Asked Questions document</u>.

#### Executive Order 20-14 Suspending Evictions and Writs of Recovery Frequently Asked Questions Document Now Available in Spanish, Hmong, and Somali

Governor Walz announced Executive Order 20-14 Suspending Evictions and Writs of Recovery During the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency on March 23, 2020. The suspension went into effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2020. The Frequently Asked Questions document is now available in **Spanish**, **Hmong**, and **Somali**.

## Consolidated Request for Proposals Reminders

We launched the Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) on April 2. We recognize that many of our community partners are focused on addressing immediate needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of that, we extended the application deadline to July 16, 2020. Selection announcements are anticipated to be made at the December 2020 Minnesota Housing Board meeting.

## Request Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is still being offered and strongly encouraged! To schedule technical assistance, please contact TechnicalAssistanceRequest.MHFA@state.mn.us and you will be connected with a staff person.

also be directed to <u>TechnicalAssistanceRequest.MHFA@state.mn.us</u>. Preliminary M&O reviews and ballpark estimates can be provided to the applicant upon request. The last day Minnesota Housing staff will take any new preliminary M&O review requests will be Thursday, July 9, 2020. **Consolidated RFP Dates** 

Questions specific to application rents and maintenance and operating (M&O) numbers can be

# • Thursday, May 14 by noon: Intent to Apply deadline. Required for all Multifamily

- applications submitted in the consolidated RFP. Only the basic project information and HIB form are due at this date. • Thursday, June 18 by noon: Qualification Forms and Site Control deadline. All
- qualification forms and site control documents must be submitted via the Multifamily Secure Upload Tool. • Thursday, July 16 by noon: Multifamily application deadline. Note: the application fee is also due by this date.
- Please note that applications are due by noon on their respective due date. Questions and RFP eNews Listserv

## General Consolidated RFP and Scoring Questions: Katie Moore: 651.269.6354

to receive updates.

- Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB): William Price: 651.296.9440 • Housing Tax Credits: <u>Summer Jefferson</u>: 651.296.9790
- Preservation: Dani Salus: 651.284.3178 • Supportive Housing: Vicki Farden: 651.296.8125
- Please make sure you and your colleagues are signed up for our **Consolidated RFP eNews list**

COVID-19 and Minnesota Housing Multifamily Portfolio:

#### and Property Management Staff On March 31, 2020, we released guidance for Property Owners and Property Management Staff. We will add to this document as new issues arise and will continue sharing informational

Additional Guidance from Asset Management for Property Owners

resources as quickly and as widely as we can. Please keep sharing your questions and concerns with your assigned Housing Management Officer (HMO) or Compliance Officer, recognizing that the best way to reach them at this time is through email.

# Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness

**During COVID-19** Visit Heading Home Alliance for information and resources for homeless service providers including weekly statewide webinars to hear the latest updates on COVID-19 specific to staff working with people experiencing homelessness. You can also sign up here to receive weekly







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